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AUCTION SALE

The undersigned will sell at public auction on his premises, one and one-half miles west and one-half mile north of Forest Hill, on the property known as the Charley Faunce farm, on

Wednesday, Dec. 19, '17

commencing at 1 p. m., the following property:

- 2 Gray Mares, 12 years old next spring.
- 2 Colts, one 2 and the other 3 years old next spring.
- 1 Brindle Cow, 7 years old, due May 9.
- 1 O. I. C. Brood Sow.
- 14 Head Shoots.
- 25 Plymouth Rock Hens.
- Farm Implements and Deering Hay Loader, Osborne Side Delivery Rake, McCormick Mowing Machine.
- 2 Lumber Wagons.
- 1 Flat Hay Rack.
- 1 Superior Beet and Bean Drill.
- 1 Giant Bean Puller.
- 2 Row Cultivator.
- 1 Five-Tooth Cultivator.
- 1 Log Chain.
- 1 Corn Planter.
- 1 Corn Plow Cultivator.
- 1 Spring-Tooth Drag.
- 1 Spike-Tooth Drag.
- 1 Set 3-Bar Evener.
- 1 Beet Lifter.
- 1 Two-Horse Double Tree.
- 3 Forks.
- 1 Double Set Work Harness.
- 2 Shovels.
- 1 Pair Sleighs.
- 1 Pair Boat Runners.
- Some Corn Fodder.
- About 3 tons of Mixed Hay in barn.
- 25 Bushel Potatoes.
- 10 Bushel Apples.
- 5 Bushel Turnips.
- 1 Heating Stove.
- 1 Range Cook Stove.
- 2 Iron Bedsteads.
- 1 Breaking Plow.
- 10 Chairs.
- 2 Rockers.
- And other articles too numerous to mention.



Terms of Sale

All sums under \$5, cash; over that amount, 11 months' time on good bankable paper.

Everything must be settled for before moved.

John Faunce
Proprietor

J. D. HELMAN
Auctioneer

E. N. Post, Clerk

The Record Auction Sale Ads Bring Sure Results

What Others Like to Eat at Christmastide

SPAIN loves her turkeys. Nor does she find it necessary to run them to death on the farms in order to make their meat tender, for the fowls are driven into town from long distances, and their feet are tiered to withstand the hardness of the roads. For three days before Noche Buena the streets of the cities and villages are thick with squawking poultry and bleating lambs and kids that are destined for the slaughter.

Cuba fattens up her turkeys on walnuts to make them more toothsome. Mexico grinds the cooked turkey to a paste, which is mixed with chili, raisins, currants, wine and a few other ingredients into what is called mole de guajolote. France, too, although she shows her partiality for turkeys by cramming them with truffles, competes with her Christmas menu. Now she throws her scarf to blood red sausages, fat and juicy; now to stewed hare with unfermented wine; again to pheasants, to hazen hens, to hedgehogs.

In Brittany the home cured ham gives savor to the rye bread and to the chocolate porridge, especially dedicated to Noel. In Cuba baked ham, prettily rolled in champagne and well sugared, vies for favor with a Spanish piece de resistance called "Mors and Christians," in reminiscence of a page in Spanish history, and made of black beans and rice.

In southern Italy eggs, curled round with tail in mouth, defy time on the Christmas board by the emblem of sterility. In the smaller Italian cities on the day before Christmas the air is filled with eggs of sorts being brought to market in pansions sprung from donkey backs. Chickens, pigeons, tripe, boiling hot, are other delicacies appropriate to the season, as well as turkeys, geese and calf's head.

German and Scandinavian countries are noted for the bounty of their Christmas cheer. In rural neighborhoods the tables are spread from Christmas to Epiphany. England, too, offers wide and varied hospitality. In Warwickshire, for instance, they serve roast crab apples with chine of pork and elder wine. Yorkshire has its frumenty, its Yule cakes and plum pudding. Scotland boasts one dish all her own—haddock, stuffed with oatmeal and onions—Chicago Tribune.

Not Until "Next Christmas."

It was said the other day by an old southerner in Washington that no home loving Virginian ever would move "until after the next Christmas." The next Christmas comes and goes, but there is still another to come, and the moving is put off and happily will be put off until the holiday spirit has gone from the South, a spirit that will go when the South goes—New York Evening Post.

Public Sale

Having rented my farms, I will sell at public auction, on my farm, 6 miles north of St. Louis and 1 mile west, 1 mile south of Pleasant Valley, 4 miles east and 2 miles south of Shepherd, on

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1917

at 3:30 p.m., the following described property, to wit:

11 HEAD OF HORSES AND PONY:

- 1 Gray Mare, 9 years old, weight 1,600.
- 1 Gray Mare, 5 years old, weight 1,600.
- 1 Brown Driving Mare, 6 years old, weight 1,100.
- 1 Sorrel Gelding, 3 years old, weight 1,000.
- 1 Bay Mare, coming 2 years old, weight 900.
- 1 Suckling Colt.
- 1 Mare, 10 years old.
- 1 Gelding, 2 years old, weight 1,300.
- 1 Black Mare, coming 2 years old, weight 1,500.
- 1 Gelding, 3 years old, weight 1,500.
- 1 Shetland Pony, 4 years old, weight 450.
- 5 Milch Cows.

18 HEAD OF O. I. C. HOGS:

- 1 Herd Boar, weight 500.
- 7 Bread Sows with Pigs by their side.
- 3 Gilts, weight 110.
- 7 Males, large enough for spring service.

Piglets will be furnished with all these hogs.

FARM IMPLEMENTS.

- 1 Keystone Hay Loader.
- 1 Side Delivery Rake.
- 2 Discs.
- 1 Harrow.
- 1 Two-Row Cultivator.
- 1 Beet Lifter.
- 1 Beet Cultivator.
- 1 Corn and Bean Cultivator.
- 1 Corn Planter.
- 1 Gang Plow.
- 1 Bean Puller.
- 1 Acme Harrow.
- 1 Bobbed.
- 1 Spike-Tooth Harrow.
- 1 Cream Separator.
- 1 Fayway Butter Separator.

Some Household Furniture, consisting of Beds, Tables, Chairs and Rugs and other articles too numerous to mention.



Free Lunch At Noon

TERMS OF SALE

A credit of eleven months on all notes with approved security, 7 per cent interest from date of sale. All sums of \$10 or under, cash in hand.

EARL MORRIS
Proprietor

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